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March
23 - World Meteorological Day
27 – 00:01 CAT Lock Down starts
28 - ~~CTARC Meeting~~
28 and 29 - CQ WPX SSB
31 - ~~Schools open~~

April
2 - World Autism Awareness Day; SARL 80 m QSO Party
3 and 4 - ~~SARL National Convention~~
4 - RaDAR Challenge
5 - Palm Sunday
6 - Arrival of Jan van Riebeeck in the Cape - 1652
7 - World Health Day
10 - Good Friday
12 - Easter Sunday; International Day for Human Space Flight
13 - Family Day
16 – 23:59 CAT Lock down lifted (we hope)
18 - World Amateur Radio Day; Autumn QRP Sprint; ZS4SRK Balloon Contest
19 – ZS4 Sprint
21 - Lyrids meteor shower; Highway ARC meeting
22 - Lyrids meteor shower
25 - Ramadan; CTARC meeting; SARL 95 40 m Club Sprint
27 – Freedom Day

The CQ WPX SSB Contest

To keep you busy during the lock down – participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contes on 28 and 29 March https://www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm

For amateurs worldwide to contact as many amateurs and prefixes as possible during the contest period. Period of Operation: 48 hours. Single Operator stations may operate 36 of the 48 hours – off times must be a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged. Multi-operator stations may operate the full 48 hours.

Only the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m may be used. Observance of established band plans is strongly encouraged. The exchange is a RS report plus a progressive contact serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. Note: Multi-Two and Multi-Unlimited entrants use separate serial number sequences on each band.

The Provisional Results of the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Sprint

Fifty three logs were received for the second leg of the SARL 80 m Club Sprint held on 18 March 2020 with 996 QSOs reflected. Eight of these logs were not renamed as the rules ask. There are still people tampering with the spreadsheets – just fill in the required information!

1st Boland ARC – 1 038 points (21 logs)
2nd West Rand ARC – 958 points (18 logs)
3rd Hibiscus ARC – 150 points (3 logs)
4th Magalies ARC – 148 points (3 logs)
5th Bloemfontein ARC – 144 points (1 log)
6th Cape Town ARC – 80 points (1 log)
7th Sandton ARC – 52 points (1 log)
8th Bo-Karoo ARC – 48 points (1 log)

9th Northern Cape ARC – 38 points (1 log)
10th Rustenburg ARC – 34 points (1 log)
11th Highway ARC – 32 points (1 log)
12th Secunda ARC – 18 points (2 logs)

Combined after 2 legs
1st Boland ARC – 1 980 points
2nd West Rand ARC – 1 974 points
3rd Bo-Karoo ARC – 460 points
4th Magalies ARC – 282 points
5th Hibiscus ARC and Bloemfontein ARC – 232 points
7th Cape Town ARC – 142 points
8th Sandton ARC – 68 points
9th Rustenburg ARC – 64 points
10th Northern Cape ARC – 48 points
11th Highway ARC – 32 points (1 log)
12th Secunda ARC – 18 points (2 logs)

1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN – 144 points
2nd Kobus, ZS6BOS – 114 points
3rd Johan, ZS1A – 112 points
4th Simone, ZS6SIM – 98 points
5th David, ZS1DDK, Sid, ZS5H and Cliff, ZS6BJU – 96 points
8th Sybrand, ZS1SJ and Romeo, ZS6ARQ – 92 points
10th Andre, ZS1AN – 84 points
11th Celso, ZS1MYG – 80 points
12th Phillip, ZS6PVT – 78 points
13th Helgard, ZS6HON – 70 points
14th Geoff, ZS6C – 66 points
15th Rassie, ZS1YT – 62 points
16th Jadranko, ZS6DJA – 60 points
17th Ean, ZS1PR – 58 points
18th Adriaan, ZS1ADL, Geoff, ZR6XZ/1 and Thys, ZS6MJM – 56 points
21st Louis, ZS5LS and Anthony, ZS6ANT – 54 points
23rd Mike, ZS1TAF, Trevor, ZS1TR and Marius, ZR6MS – 52 points
26th Helmar, ZS1H – 50 points
27th Shane, ZS1ZFL and Gert, ZR6GRT – 48 points
29th Con, ZS1ES – 44 points
30th Andreas, ZS6ADU – 42 points
31st Christo, ZS1BOK – 40 points
32nd Casey, ZS1AAS, Albert, ZS1AK, Roy, ZS3RW and Veronica, ZR6TVK – 38 points
36th Nic, ZR6AEZ and Kevin, ZS6KVN – 36 points
38th Johan, ZS6JHN and Jack, ZS6JJK – 34 points
40th Geoff, ZS5AGM – 32 points
41st Marius, ZS1ML and Carl, ZS1KM – 30 points
43rd Keith, ZS6AGF – 28 points
44th Peet, ZS6PGN and John, ZS6YPJ – 22 points
46th Stephen, ZS1BSW and Emil, ZS1XB – 16 points
48th Lucas, ZS6ACT – 14 points
49th Jan, ZS6ALC – 12 points
50th Cobus, ZS1COB – 10 points

51st Grant, ZS1GRC and Jasper, ZS6JMA – 6 points
53rd Magda, ZS6MMS – 4 points

The Final Results of the SARL YL Sprint

Sixteen logs were received for the first leg of the SARL YL Sprint held on Sunday 8 March 2020.

1st Alta Gaybba, ZR3PA and Sonet de Wet, ZS3SW – 196 points
3rd Karin Andrew, ZS6MMA – 173 points
4th Denise van Vuuren, ZS1DS – 163 points
5th Adele Tyler, ZS5APT – 161 points
6th Simone Jones, ZS6SIM – 152 points
7th Valerie Wagner, ZS5VAL – 100 points
8th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC – 40 points
9th Dienie Schnetler, ZS6DNI – 39 points
10th Heather Holland, ZS5YH – 36 points
11th Sybrand Cillie, ZS1SJ – 34 points
12th Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ – 26 points
13th Gary Ingle, ZS5GI – 25 points
14th Brian Broad, ZS5SB – 24 points
15th Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT – 18 ponts
16th Veronica Kotze, ZR6TVK – 5 points

Cancelled or Postponed DXpeditions

Over the last few weeks there has been many present and upcoming cancellations of DXpeditions due to the Chinese-19 virus or travel restrictions caused by it. Many of the DXpedition have postponed, rescheduled for later in the year or planned to be active next year in 2021. The current list of cancellations is as follows (as of print time):

3B8XF Mauritius (cut short)
4V5H Haiti
9A1A Croatia
9K2F Failaka Island (AS-118)
CE0Y/VE7ACN Easter Island
CP6/R7AL Bolivia
CP6/RW9JZ Bolivia
CP6/RK8A Bolivia
CP6/RZ3K Bolivia
CQ3W Madeira Island
CT9/DF7EE Madeira Island
D4C Cape Verde
DU2/SP5APW Calayan Island (OC-092)
FK/C Chesterfield Island
HS0ZME (cut short)
JW/DF3TS Svalbard
JW/DC8TM Svalbard
KH7M Hawaii
NH7A Hawaii
PJ2/DK5ON Curacao
PJ7AA Sint Maarten (cut short)
PZ5G Papegaaien Island (NA-092)

T30ET West Kiribati
T88HS Palau
T88SM Palau
T88UW Palau
TG9BBV Guatemala
TO7BP Martinique
TU2R Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
V62P Polap Atoll (OC-155), Micronesia
V62S Satawal Atoll (OC-299), Micronesia
VP2V/KB9DPF British Virgin Islands
VP2V/K0NR British Virgin Islands
VP5/AF3K Turks and Caicos Islands
VP5/W2TT Turks and Caicos Islands
VP5P Turks and Caicos Islands
W8S Swains Island
XR8RRC/p Riesco Island (SA-091)
XW4XR Laos
ZA/HG2DX Albania
ZC4MK UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus
ZD7VJ St Helena Island
ZF2PG Cayman Islands

DAY-XENIA Hamvention. The Hamvention Committee cancelled Hamvention 2020. In a press release posted by Henry, W8HJR, the Media Chairman, dated 15 March, it states: The Hamvention Executive Committee has been monitoring the Chinese-19 pandemic. We have worked very closely with our local and state health Departments. It is with a very heavy heart the Hamvention Executive Committee has decided to cancel Hamvention for this year. This decision is extremely difficult for us but with around two months until the Great Gathering we felt this action necessary. More specific details regarding the closure will soon be posted here. Thank you for your understanding in this time of International Crisis. Jack Gerbs, General Chairman HV2020

African DX

Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award (www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp)

Ethiopia, ET. Ken, K4ZW, will be active as ET3AA again from Ethiopia starting 27 March for a week, if all the flights are maintained at the present...
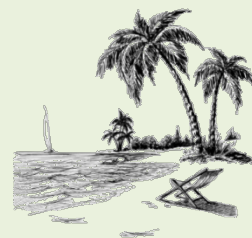
Egypt, SU. Tom, DL2RMC is currently active as SU9TH from Cairo, Egypt at least until the end of April. He operates FT8/FT4 and also CW and SSB during weekends in operating events on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via DL2RMC; he will upload his log to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL.

African Islands

IOTA Frequencies
CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz
SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Cape Verde, D4. Massimo "Max", IZ4DPV, is now active as D4F from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086) until 31 March. Activity has been on the lower bands using SSB and in the Russian DX Contest this past weekend. Look for him in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28 and 29 March). QSL via his home call sign.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 23 to 30 March 2020

SKCC Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name, SKCC No or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 27 March 2020
E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/

QRP Fox Hunt
01:00 - 02:30 UTC 25 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 26 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 27 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC 25 March and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 26 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 28 March 2020
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/

UKEICC 80 m Contest
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 25 March
Geographic Focus: Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: 4-Character grid square
QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km (10 pts max); multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 25 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ukeicc.com/80 m-rules.php

RSGB 80 m SSB Club Championship
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 26 March
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: United Kingdom
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RS and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 27 March 2020
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/r80 mcc.shtml

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 27 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 29 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 27 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 28 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 29 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

CQ WW WPX SSB Contest
00:00 UTC 28 March to 23:59 UTC 29 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted Single Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Overlays: TB-Wires, Rookie or Classic; Multi-Single – low or high; Multi-Single Overlay: Classic; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi
Max operating hours: Single Op: 36 hours with off times of at least 60 minutes; Multi-Op: 48 hours
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RS and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: All: 6 points per 160, 80, 40 m QSO with different continent; All: 3 points per 20, 15, 10 m QSO with different continent; Non-NA: 2 points per 160, 80, 40 m QSO with same continent different country; Non-NA: 1 point per 20, 15, 10 m QSO with same continent different country; NA: 4 points per 160, 80, 40 m QSO with same continent different country; NA: 2 points per 20, 15, 10 m QSO with same continent different country; All: 1 point per QSO with same country
Multipliers: Prefixes once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 April 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: www.cqwpx.com/logcheck/
Mail logs to: CQ WPX Contest, PO Box 481, New Carlisle, OH 45344, USA
Find rules at: www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm

FOC QSO Party
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 28 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, VHF
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: FOC-Member: RST, name and member no; non-Members: RST and Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: FOC-Member: Score = Total QSOs/Total Member QSOs
non-Member: Score = Total Member QSOs
Submit logs by: 4 April 2020
E-mail log summary to: focqp@g4foc.org
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://g4foc.org/qsoparty/

QCX Challenge
13:00 - 14:00 UTC 30 March and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 31 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: HP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and Rig
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with QCX station; 1 point per QSO with non-QCX station
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 2 April 2020
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.qrp-labs.com/party.html

Next Week's Contests

QCX Challenge, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 31 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 1 April
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 April
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 1 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 2 April
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 April
SARL 80 m QSO Party, 17:00 - 20:00 UTC 2 April
NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC 2 April (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 2 April
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 3 April
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 3 April
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 April
LZ Open 40 m Sprint Contest, 04:00 - 08:00 UTC 4 April
PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavours Contest, 10:00 UTC 4 April to 04:00 UTC 5 April
Nebraska QSO Party, 13:00 UTC 4 April to 01:00 UTC 5 April and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 5 April
Louisiana QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 4 April to 02:00 UTC 5 April
Mississippi QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 4 April to 02:00 UTC 5 April
Missouri QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 4 April to 04:00 UTC 5 April and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 5 April
Florida State Parks on the Air, 14:00 - 22:00 UTC 4 April and 14:00 - 22:00 UTC 5 April
SP DX Contest, 15:00 UTC 4 April to 15:00 UTC 5 April
EA RTTY Contest, 16:00 UTC 4 April to 16:00 UTC 5 April
North American SSB Sprint Contest, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 5 April
RSGB RoLo SSB, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 5 April
IQRP Quarterly Marathon, 08:00 UTC 6 April to 20:00 UTC 12 April
RSGB 80 m Club CW Championship, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 6 April
ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 7 April